Shri Kanti Biswas, Education Minister, West Bengal to suggest measures for enhancing the autonomy of higher education institutions. The changes/ amendments effected to the Memorandums of Association (MoA) of the Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad and Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering & Technology, Longowal have been reversed and their autonomy restored.

DTH operation through foreign owned satellites

1078. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a ban on use of foreign owned satellites for beaming down programme directly for DTH operations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether such permission would be given if safeguards like traffic monitoring and inspections of equipments are also built in the foreign satellite system to be hired by the DTH operators?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPALREDDY):(a)No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Accessibility to sex through DTH

†1079. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that sex would be easily accessible in the houses through DTH and at some places it is happening;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to stop it; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Concerns have been expressed in various quarters about the possible misuse of DTH service for viewing pornographic channels;

(b) and (c) This issue was examined in the month of August, 2004. The detailed enquiries revealed that some pornographic channels were available

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.